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Mr James M. Crute
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Dear Sir:

I must apologize for not answering your kind letters before now, but I am sure you understand it is quite a big job keeping up with the correspondence from prospective ball players.

You wrote me in the interest of a young hard hitting pitcher named Dave Jackson. Your discription of him sounds very interesting, but you know of course all the rookies do not stand up under competition. We have always been interested in young players, and have run across some very good men becaus people like you have taken an interest in them.

We are going to train in Jacksonville Fla. this year, and will open camp April 1st. It is of course impossible to take every boy to camp who wants to go. There have been cases where a boy was so anxious to go to camp and so sure of making good that he arranged to get to camp himself. I could not agree to take this boy to camp on the strength of your recommendation, as I do not know you as a scout, but if he wants to come to the park when we return to Newark, we will be glad to let him workout, and see how he looks.

Again please accept my sincere thanks for your cooperation, let me hear from you again.

Very Truly Yours